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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) There is a schematic loan provision of Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 60,000 for Rural and Staff Housing in each Community Development and National Extension Service block respectively. This provision is equally apportioned between rural and staff housing. Consequently, there is a provision of Rs. 50,000 in a Community Development Block and Rs. 30,000 in a National Extension Service Block for construction of quarters for the block staff including Gramasevaks. There is a proposal to set apart a sum of Rs. 2,250 for construction of quarters-*cum*-godown for each village-level worker out of the provision made for rural housing in each block, and orders have since been issued in this respect.

(*c*) No cycle allowance is given to the Gramasevaks. They are eligible for advances for purchase of bicycles up to a maximum of Rs. 200 in each case.

Grama Sevaks, Grades I and II, are however paid a fixed travelling allowance of Rs. 15 and Rs. 7–8–0 per mensem respectively.

* 24 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Gramasevaks recruited during the year 1957; and

(*b*) their pay and allowances?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) 600.

(*b*) After recruitment, the candidates are sent for training for a period of 18 months in one of the Rural Extension Training Centres located in this State. During the first period of one year, they are paid a stipend of Rs. 30 per mensem and for the remaining period of six months, they are paid a stipend of Rs. 45 per mensem.

On the completion of training they are appointed in the scale of Rs. 45—3—60—5—90 plus the usual dearness allowances.

* 25-*C Q.*—SRI A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Gramasevaks Training Centres in the State and the places where they are located;

(*b*) the number of acres of land allotted for farm work to the Centres in Bhavanisagar; and

(*c*) the number of Agriculture Graduates working therein?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) There are 10 Rural Extension Training Centres for training the Gramasevaks. They are located at the following places:—

Places.	*Number of Centres.*
Aduthurai	1
Pattukottai	1
Kovilpatti	1
S.V. Nagaram (Arni)	1